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Effective July 1, 2012 the disposal of needles, syringes and lancets (collectively known as "sharps") in regular household trash has been banned in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This ban includes trash disposed via the blue Natick trash bags as well as trash collected by a private trash hauler.

The Natick Board of Health in cooperation with the Department of Public Works and the Community Services Department is providing a safe and convenient way for Natick residents to properly dispose their "home sharps". This disposal resource is solely for spent sharps created from personal use by Natick residents. The term "home sharps" does not include sharps generated by home health aides, visiting nurses, or any other person providing a professional service in a private residence.

## **SHARPS DISPOSAL TEMPORARY RELOCATION**

During construction at the DPW Natick residents can deposit their spent sharps containers in a kiosk at -

### **THE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER**

**117 East Central St.**

**The kiosk is available during these office hours:**

**8:30 to 5:00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**8:30 to 7:00 Thursday**

**8:30 to 3:00 Friday**

- This service providing proper disposal of used sharps is for Natick residents only.
- Only containers specifically designed for sharps can be put in the kiosk.
- A complimentary container will be available at the Community Senior Center
- One quart sharps containers can be purchased on line and at some local pharmacies and some retail stores.